

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Midjil Mandal, Mahabubnagar District - Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials on 04-08-2010 - Prosecution sanctioned - Orders -Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII(2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1831

Dated: 03-11-2011.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, S/o.Sri Narsimha Reddy, worked as Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Midjil Mandal, Mahabubnagar District from 18-02-2007 to 04-08-2010 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of 'Public Servant' as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas Sri L.Venkatesh Naik, S/o.Sri L.Lal Singh, Age 24 years, Occupation: Agriculture is a resident of Nakkalabanda Tanda, H/o. Bhureddypally Grama Panchayat, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar District. There are Ac.5-03 cents of agriculture land in Sy.No.102-8 at Nakkalaband Tanda on the name of his grand-father Sri Chandya Naik, who died in the year 2002. Later his father Sri L.Lal Singh also expired on 04-05-2010. On 26-05-2010 he submitted an application during "Revenue Sadassulu" conducted by the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal requesting for mutation of the land on his name and his younger brother Sri Vinod Kumar, for which the Tahsildar had given an acknowledgment receipt No.17310, Dated:26-05-2010 and endorsed the same to the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypalli Village. After one week, Sri L.Venkatesh Naik met Sri Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddipally Village at the Office of the Mandal Revenue Officer, Jadcherla Mandal. The Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy summoned his four paternal Aunts to the Office and obtained their thumb impressions in token of having no objections for mutation of land on his name. Then the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy demanded him to pay @ Rs.1,500/- per acre totaling to Rs.7,500/- as bribe for change of name in Revenue Records. After one month Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) came to his house twice and demanded him to pay the amount. When he expressed his inability to pay that much amount, Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) informed him that without payment of bribe amount, he would not change

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the names in ROR and issue of Pattadar & Title Deed Pass Books. About one week back when Sri L.Venkatesh Naik met the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy at the Office of the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal and requested, the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy to change the names in ROR. Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) reduced the bribe amount from Rs.7,500/- to Rs.3,000/- and also stated that he would issue pass book only on payment of bribe amount;

3. And whereas Sri L.Venkatesh Naik was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), he lodged a petition with the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range at Hyderabad on 03-08-2010 at 10:00 hours. After verifying the facts of the complaint, as well as reputation of Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range has registered a case in Cr.No.17/ACB-HR/2010 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) on 04-08-2010 at 15:30 hours and investigated into;

4. And whereas on 04-08-2010 i.e., on the date of trap, at about 18:15 hours, when Sri L.Venkatesh Naik entered into the house of the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy at Malleboinpally Village of Jadcherla Mandal and found him sitting on a chair at the drawing room. On seeing him, Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) asked him whether the demanded bribe amount was brought. On his positive reply, the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy asked him to pay the amount. Sri L.Venkatesh Naik took out the currency notes from his left front shirt pocket and offered to Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), who accepted with his right hand, counted the amount with his both hands and informed Sri L.Venkatesh Naik that his work would be completed in a couple of days and he would inform him over phone as and when the work is completed. Then Sri L.Venkatesh Naik came out of the house and gave pre-arranged signal. The Phenolphthalein tests conducted over both the hand fingers of Sri Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), yielded positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.3,000/- was recovered at the instance of the Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy from his valet in the presence of Mediators. The inner linings of valet of Sri Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time) which came into contact with the tainted currency, when subject to Phenolphthalein test yielded positive result;

5. And whereas the said acts of Sri V.Venakateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

6. And whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar District from Government service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, pre-trap & post-trap proceedings (i.e., Mediators' Reports-I & II), Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents mentioned in the Final Report, etc., placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having applied their mind to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, should be prosecuted in a court of Law, for the aforesaid offences;

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri V.Venkateshwar Reddy, Village Revenue Officer (Part-time), Bhureddypally Village, Office of the Tahsildar, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahabubnagar District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(ASUTOSH MISHRA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.